

have lots of room and undeveloped resources in their own country and I for one do not wish to blame them for wishing to have some seaports in warm water, where their ships can come to harbor all the year round. I do not believe that any one now justifies our part in the Crimean War—the object of which was, as far as we were concerned, to hold up the unspeakable Turk as a buffer between the sea and the Muscovite. The Slav of all sections of Europe is an absolutely different type from the German. We have referred to his character as exemplified by the great Tolstoi and other similar characters in the first part of this sketch. They no doubt have their own problems of government to solve, as we all know that idealists sometimes go to extremes and it is quite possible that the treatment of Siberian Exiles have been exaggerated and that many of those who were sent there were not exactly the kind of people that some people imagined them to be. However, be that as it may, we know that the Slav is not a Poltroon who will always lie down under the abuse of those above him, whether he is well fed or not, the same as the Germans will do, and have been doing. A remarkable sketch on the Southern Slavs of Servia in particular has appeared in the October number of *Fortnightly Review* written by Madam Elizabeth Christith. As she well says: "Races preserve their characteristics in defiance of the laws of environment and evolution. The Southern Slav's predominant trait is brotherly love. This love extends to all mankind from the Slav's point of view. It does not end at the national boundary line like Bernhardi's national ideas. The Balkan peasant left to himself is inclined to treat the erring with pity and forbearance. The man who has in a passion committed homicide is subject all his life to such remorse that it is the principal pre-occupation of his friends to divert his mind from his misfortune. Pre-meditated crime is very rare. The Slav can be cruel, but it is only through weakness, passivity or in a moment of terrible mental excitement. Brutality and callousness are foreign to his nature. He is not (like the Prussian) unduly harsh to his subordinates, nor like the Prussian, unduly cringing to his superiors. The Vendetta has never taken root among the Southern Slav. Jew baiting is unknown among these people. Anyone afflicted with infirmity is sure of meeting with kindness